



RECREATION FACTS

Become Sierra Aware

The Sierra Nevada hosts over 50 million visitors per year.

Fishing and whitewater rafting are the two most significant water related recreational uses in the Sierra Nevada .

The most lucrative industry in the Sierra Nevada Region is no longer timber and forest products but tourism and recreation based activities *within* those forests. In order to promote this emerging source of economic growth, the forests that support them need to be protected.

The Sierra Nevada is rich in cultural and historic assets that attract thousands of visitors annually.

The Sierra Nevada provides four distinct seasonal recreational opportunities: examples include winter snow recreation; spring wildflower sighting and whitewater rafting, summer boating, swimming, and fishing; and fall hiking and hunting.

The Sierra Nevada is home to some of the most magnificent Federal, State and local park lands:
3 National Parks: Yosemite, Kings Canyon/Sequoia, and Lassen Volcanic, 11 National Forests, 35 State Parks, and many local parks.

5,300 square miles are designated wilderness area in the Sierra Nevada.

Over 575 miles of miles of river in the Sierra Nevada are designated Wild, Scenic and Recreation.